

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Membership Balance Plan for the
Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee

(1) NAME

Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee (TRANSTAC)

(2) AUTHORITY

The TRANSTAC is authorized by the Export Administration Act of 1979 (EAA), as amended 50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)¹.

(3) MISSION/FUNCTION

The Committee will be consulted where a recognized need of the Department of Commerce (the Department) exists with respect to questions involving: (a) technical specifications and policy issues relating to those specifications that are of concern to the Department; (b) worldwide availability of products and systems, including quantity and quality, and actual utilization of production technology; (c) licensing procedures that affect the level of export controls applicable to any goods, software, or technology; (d) revisions to the Commerce Control List, including proposed revisions of multilateral controls in which the United States participates; (e) the issuance of regulations; and (f) any other matters relating to actions designed to carry out the policy set forth in Section 3(2)(A) of the EAA, as amended.

(4) POINTS OF VIEW

The Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee (TRANSTAC) is composed of industry representatives and U.S. Government Agencies with specific technical or export control expertise. The principal sources for industry members are large and small firms located throughout the country that produce technology relating to the transportation and related equipment subject to the export controls, as well as consultants and attorneys that represent these business. The principal sources for U.S. Government members include specialist and technicians from the Departments of Commerce, State, Defense, Energy and the intelligence community.

¹ Since August 21, 2001, the Export Administration Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222, of August 17, 2001 (3 C.F.R., 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), which has been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent being that of the August 8, 2013 (78 Fed. Reg. 490107 (Aug. 12, 2013)), has continued the Export Administration Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 et seq.). BIS continues to carry out the provisions of the Export Administration Act, as appropriate and to the extent permitted by law, pursuant to Executive Order 13222.

Specific expertise of the Committee includes: gas turbine engines, airframes and overall aircraft integration, avionics, accelerometers, gyros and inertial navigations.

(5) OTHER BALANCE FACTORS

The work of the Committee affects a large segment of the transportation and related equipment industry. Therefore, the Department will strive to develop a Committee that represents views of the various U.S. Government agencies responsible for administering export controls on aircraft, gas turbine engines, avionics, and marine items, as well as the views of large, medium, and small companies that are impacted by these export controls.

(6) CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) solicits names from Committee members, other U.S. Government representatives, and a Notice of Recruitment of Private-Sector Members posted in the Federal Register. Additionally, the DFO will occasionally receive unsolicited nominations from industry representatives interested in serving on the Committee. The DFO evaluates the candidate for relevant technical expertise and experience. If the candidate has the required technical expertise and experience in an area that would benefit the Committee, the DFO prepares a justification for candidacy. Candidates are vetted through Lexis/Nexis and the Senate's registered lobbyist database, the Office of Export Enforcement and the Department's Office of White House Liaison. Once the vetting process is complete information is forwarded to the Office of Security for security clearance purposes. Formal letters of invitation to serve on the committee will be extended by the Secretary of Commerce.

If any vacancies occur during the Committee's tenure, the DFO will initiate another review process, as described above. Committee members shall not serve on the Committee for more than four consecutive years. Members who do not attend four consecutive Committee meetings will have their membership terminated.

(7) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE

The same process used to determine advisory committee member balance for the Federal advisory committee will be used for any subcommittees that may be created. Subcommittee members must also be approved by the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

(8) OTHER

Not applicable.

(9) DATE PREPARED/UPDATED

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